

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Marie-Anne PETIT et al.

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Application No. 10/550,295

Group 1648

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Examiner Agnieszka BOESEN

ANTIBODIES DIRECTED AGAINST HEPATITIS C VIRUS E1E2 COMPLEX,
COMPOSITIONS OF HCB PARTICLES, AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

1. The undersigned states that he is a registered patent attorney and is authorized to execute declarations on behalf of the applicants: Inserm and Biomerieux S.A.

2. During the pending of this application access to the hybridomas: 1) identification reference HYBRIDOME D4.12.9 (registration No. CNCM I-2982), and 2) identification reference HYBRIDOME D32.10 (registration No. CNCM I-2983) will be afforded to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled to.

3. That all restrictions imposed by the applicants Inserm and Biomerieux S.A. on the availability to the public of the aforesaid hybridomas will be irrevocably removed upon granting of the patent.

4. The hybridomas will be maintained by the assignee(s) for 30 years from the filing date of the application or for the enforceable life["] of the patent or for a period of five years after the date of the most recent request for furnishing of the sample of the hybridomas, whichever is longer.

5. The hybridomas will be replaced should it become necessary due to inviability, contamination or loss of capability to function.

6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

December 9, 2008


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